Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

<u>ADAP</u> - AIDS Drug Assistance Program - The state's program that funds HIV medication for people who are HIV+ and unable to pay for the medications they need. This program is administered by the Idaho Ryan White Part B Program.

<u>AIDS</u> - Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome - The disease which is often the final stage of HIV progression within the body. AIDS is characterized by opportunistic infections, high viral load counts of HIV within the blood, and CD4 counts.

<u>ARV</u> - Antiretroviral Drugs - medications for the treatment of infection by <u>retroviruses</u>, primarily <u>HIV</u>. Different classes of antiretroviral drugs act at different stages of the HIV life cycle

<u>CDC</u> - Centers for Disease Control & Prevention - The federal agency which conducts prevention and intervention for STD's and HIV on a national level. The CDC provides every state with some funding for HIV and STD prevention.

<u>Co-Chairs</u> - The two people who lead the IACHA. Intentionally, one person is from a state agency (frequently a health district office) and the other is from a private agency.

<u>Epidemiologic Profile</u> – Commonly referred to as the Epi Profile. This is the collection of data that shows the STD and HIV rates, as well as the groups infected within the state.

<u>FPSHP</u> - Family Planning, STD, and HIV Programs - the programs operate within the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Bureau of Clinical and Preventive Services and include STD Control, HIV Prevention, Ryan White Part B, Family Planning, and Viral Hepatitis. The infrastructure of the FPSHP allows for program coordination at the state and local level. State funding appropriated by the Idaho State Legislature for HIV Care (Ryan White Part B) is allocated to the FPSHP for HIV Care by the Division of Public Health.

"Guidance, The" - The manual on community planning that is written by the CDC that explains the process, goals, and intent.

<u>HRSA</u> – Health Resources and Services Administration - The federal agency within the Department of Health & Human Services that administers and oversees the Ryan White Care Act. FPSHP is a recipient of Ryan White Part B. The Wellness Center and the Community Health Association of Spokane (CHAS) are recipients of Ryan White Part C funds.

<u>HIV</u> - Human Immunodeficiency Virus - The virus that causes AIDS by deteriorating the immune system by destroying the T-cells.

<u>IACHA</u> – Idaho Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS - The community planning group which advises FPSHP in the designed and implementation of HIV and AIDS care and prevention services/interventions in Idaho.

<u>IDU</u> – Injection Drug Users. A target population at risk for HIV transmission in Idaho.

MSM – Men who have sex with men. A target population at risk for HIV transmission in Idaho.

<u>PIR</u> - Parity, Inclusion, and Representation - The mandate from the CDC which requires the IACHA to have a membership that reflects the Epi Profile, that all members are provided the opportunity to speak with an equal voice, and that members voice the views of the groups within which they are members. The PIR mandate is the "prime directive" of the Membership Committee with the general goal being a membership which is nearly identical to the Epi Profile of HIV.

Appendix I: Glossary of Terms and Acronyms

<u>Priority Population</u> - A target population group, such as women with high risk partners, men who have sex with men (MSMs), and intravenous drug users (IDUs) and persons living with HIV (PLWH). Priority populations are determined by the ICPC as the groups with the most HIV and the most at risk for HIV.

<u>Priority Setting</u> - The process by which the highest risk populations are determined.

<u>RPG</u> - HIV Regional Prevention Groups - The groups from each district which conduct HIV prevention activities within that district.

<u>STD</u> - Sexually Transmitted Disease - A disease which is passed on to another person by unsafe sexual practices. STDs include gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia and HIV. Although the phrase STD includes HIV, funding to the state is separated into HIV and non-HIV STDs, so frequently this term will refer to all STDs except HIV.

STI - Sexually Transmitted Infection - The more politically correct term for STDs.

<u>TA</u> - Technical Assistance - the assistance provided by experienced experts in community planning. Often these people provide help in facilitating the meetings, needs assessments, explaining the process, developing a plan that reflects needs as well as being scientifically sound, decision-making, and evaluating intervention effectiveness.